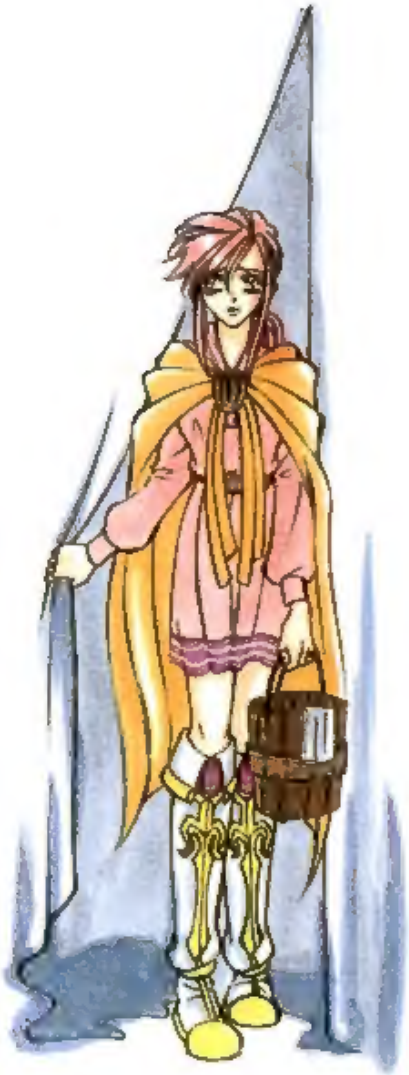
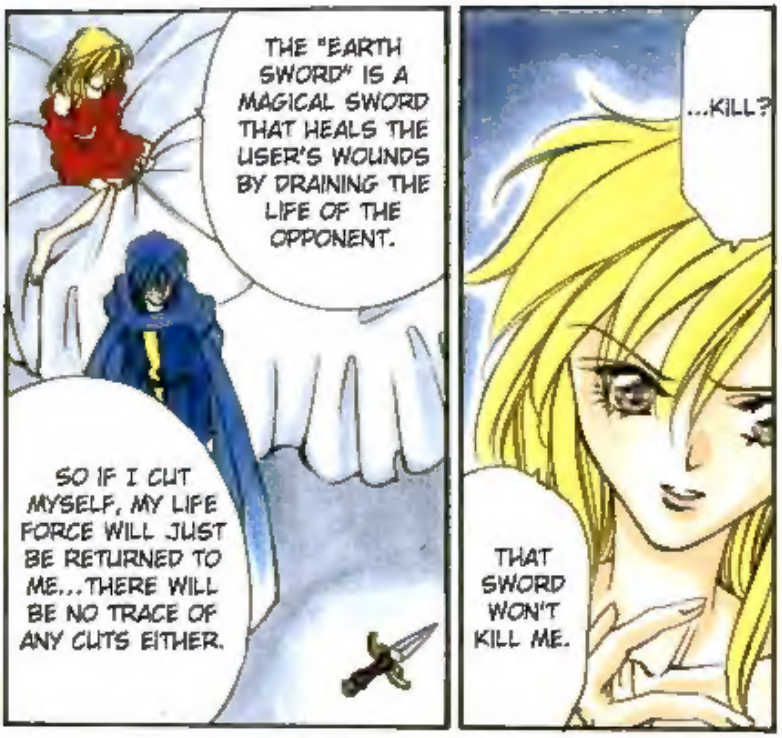
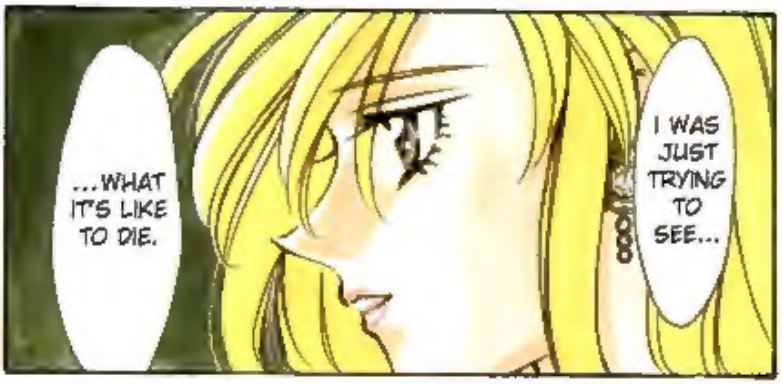
...YES.
SHE HAS REFUSEN TO EAT ANYTHING EVER SINCE.
HER SLIGHT FEVER WON'T GO AWAY EITHER.
IS THAT SO...?
AND SHE ONLY WANTS PEOPLE TO COME IN TO CHANGE THE WATER.
I UNDER STAND.

LADY LACHE-SIS!?
WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING!?
IT'S ALL RIGHT IF IT HURTS!! IT SHOULDN'T HURT SO BADLY FOR YOU TO KILL YOURSELF!
MY HAND... HURTS...

"WHY SHOULD I GO ON LIVING...?"




THE "EARTH SWORD" IS A MAGICAL SWORD THAT HEALS THE USER'S WOUNDS BY DRAINING THE LIFE OF THE OPPONENT.
SO IF I CUT MYSELF, MY LIFE FORCE WILL JUST BE RETURNED TO ME...THERE WILL BE NO TRACE OF ANY CUTS EITHER.
...KILL?
THAT SWORD WON'T KILL ME.



A WHOLE DAY HAS GONE BY, AND STILL NO REPORTS REGARDING SILVAIL'S MOVEMENTS.

OKAY! NOISH! ALEC!
TELL ALL THE UNITS WE WILL DEPART TOMORROW MORNING!
YES SIR!!

I SUGGEST WE USE OUR MAIN FORCE HERE TO INTERCEPT THE SUPPLY POINT NEAR SILVAIL.
THIS WILL CAUSE THE ENEMY MORALE TO SUFFER.

IF THEY DON'T REINFORCE THE CASTLE DEFENSES, THEY WON'T HAVE ENOUGH MANPOWER TO ENSURE VICTORY...
OR ARE THEY PLANNING AN ATTACK?
EITHER WAY, THEY SHOULD BE HAVING TROUBLE PROCURING SUPPLIES. IF WE SIEGE THE CASTLE THE MERCENARIES WILL SOON BECOME DIVIDED AGAINST CHAGALL.

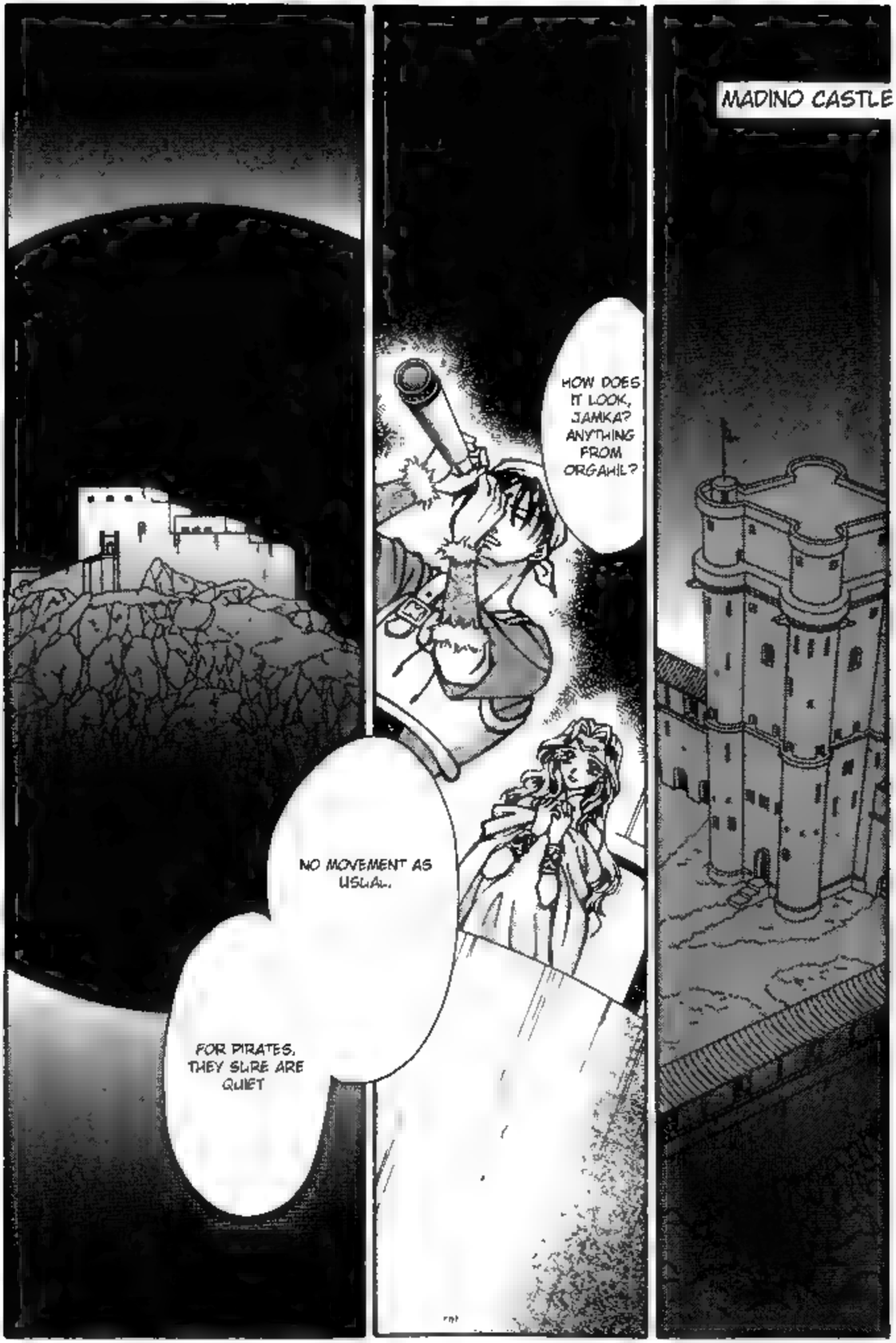
RUSTLE
...I UNDERSTAND THAT SHE IS CERTAINLY IN NO STATE TO BE MOVING ABOUT...
BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT LEAVING HER BY HERSELF.
THAT'S WHY I'M LEAVING FINN HERE TO LOOK AFTER HER.
ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE LADY LACHESIS HERE?
IT PAINS ME TO SEE HER...
...ETHLIN?

SEEING YOU LIKE THIS...NOT SMILING.
...I'M ...
WHENEVER I LOOK AT LADY LACHESIS I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT I MAY BECOME LIKE THAT IN THE FUTURE.
NOR NOTICING THE VERY WORRIED MAN STANDING RIGHT BEFORE YOU.
...HAVING SOME TROUBLE WATCHING YOU MYSELF.
IT REMINDS ME THAT I HAVEN'T SACRIFICED ANYTHING IN ORDER TO BE WITH YOU.

PLOP
PLOP
PLOP
WHA...
WHAT'S WRONG, ETHLIN!?
DON'T WORRY... THESE ARE TEARS OF JOY.
HE HE
THANK YOU, CLIAN.
YOU'RE RIGHT... THAT'S WHY...
I CAN'T KEEP RUNNING AWAY FROM THE "SACRIFICE" THAT I MUST BEAR.

...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

...AS LONG AS I AM ALIVE,
I WILL PROTECT YOU.
THE LEGEND OF THE GAE BOLG
IS NOTHING BUT A SUPERSTITION...


MADINO CASTLE
HOW DOES IT LOOK, JAMKA? ANYTHING FROM ORGAHIL?
NO MOVEMENT AS USUAL.
FOR PIRATES, THEY SURE ARE QUIET

THIS MAY BE NAIVE OF ME,
I'M ACTUALLY LOOKING FORWARD A BIT TO THE PIRATE ATTACK
BECAUSE YOUR TWIN SISTER MAY BE ONE OF THE PIRATES?
I'M ACTUALLY A LITTLE DISAP-POINTED
TEEHEE
IT'S STRANGE
EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN ALMOST 10 YEARS SINCE MY SISTER BRIGGID WAS TAKEN AWAY BY PIRATES,
I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SHE IS ABSOLUTELY SAFE
YOUR SISTER MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU AND TRY TO HURT YOU.

IT'LL BE FINE.
THE BLOOD OF ULIR THAT FLOWS WITHIN US WILL ALLOW HER TO RECALL ALL HER MEMORIES.
THIS ALLOWS US TO BESTOW EACH OTHER WITH THIS UNEXPLAINABLE SENSE OF TRANQUILITY
WE WERE BOTH BORN AT THE SAME TIME AS CHILDREN OF THE SAME GOD
IT IS PERHAPS WHY I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MY SISTER SO MUCH.

WHAT IF MY SISTER COMES TO LIKE THE SAME GUY I LIKE..
?
BUT. THERE IS ONE THING THAT WORRIES ME
CUR
??
THE ORGAHIL COASTLINE KEEPS THEM COMPLETELY IN CHECK
I'M SURE THEY KNOW THAT CONDUCTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT WOULD BE PLAIN SUICIDE
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?
?
?
?
HE?
YOU'RE JUST OVER ANXIOUS..
BESIDES, IT'S DOUBTFUL THAT THE PIRATES WOULD COME AND ATTACK THIS PLACE

I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THEY ARE KEEPING WATCH.
I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING RASH, SO WHY ARE THEY GOING THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE?
YOU REALLY JUST GONNA SIT 'ERE, BOSS!?
WITH THE AGUSTRIA ARMY GONE, NOW IS OUR CHANCE TO MAKE SOME GOLD

AGH ...!!

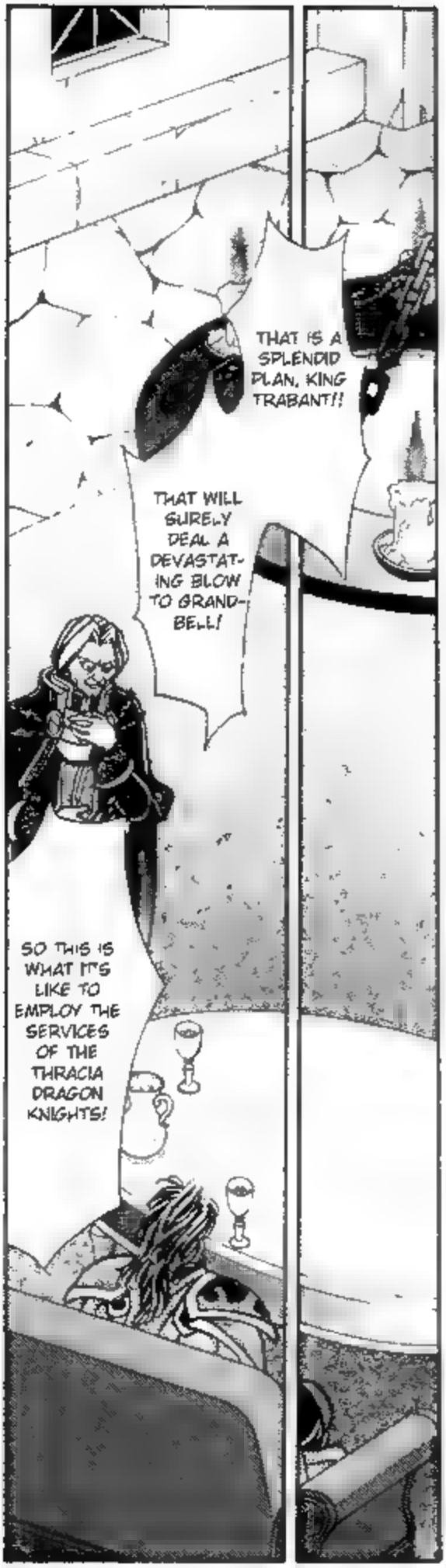
YOU OKAY, PIZARL!?

YOU'RE IRRITATING ME.

HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY IT?

I WON'T PERFORM DESPICABLE ACTS LIKE ASSAULTING THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

TELL THE OTHERS NOT TO DO ANYTHING STUPID LIKE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER JUST SUGGESTED
YEAH?
DOBARL
MY FATHER WORKED HARD TO TURN US INTO HONORABLE THIEVES. THOSE WHO TRY TO DISGRACE THE NAME OF THE ORGAHIL PIRATES
WON'T BE SHOWN ANY MERCY BY ME, BAGGED"
..GOD DAMN IT! ARROGANT WENCH!
SHE AIN'T EVEN THE PREVIOUS CAPTAIN'S REAL DAUGHTER!
YEAH, SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW


SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO EMPLOY THE SERVICES OF THE THRACIA DRAGON KNIGHTS!
THAT WILL SURELY DEAL A DEVASTATING BLOW TO GRANDBELL!
THAT IS A SPLENDID PLAN, KING TRABANT!!

BRO.. YOU MEAN. ?
LET'S MAKE OURSELVES FILTHY RICH.
IT'S OBVIOUS SOMETHING AIN'T RIGHT IN HER HEAD.

THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T LET THAT LASS REMAIN IN HER POSITION ANY LONGER.

...WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT?
EVERYONE SPECIALIZES IN SOMETHING
AND PEOPLE WHO ARE OPTIMISTIC
WILL NEVER MAKE FOR GOOD MAGICIANS.
YOU ARE SURPRISINGLY OPTIMISTIC, KING CHAGALL
DON'T ACT LIKE WE'VE WON JUST BECAUSE I HAVE A "PLAN"
IT WOULD BE AKIN TO REVEALING THE SECRET TO A MAGIC TRICK BEFORE THE START OF THE ACT
WAS THAT REALLY WISE, KING TRABANT?

IT IS A BLESSING FOR SILVAIL THAT THIS CASTLE WAS BUILT ALONGSIDE THE COASTAL SHORELINE
BUT FOR GRANDBELL IT WILL BE THEIR UNDOING
YOU FLUSTERED THE COMMANDER OF THE SILVAIL ARMY
KING CHAGALL SEEMS TO HAVE RESENTED YOUR STATEMENT
I HAVE TO PREVENT HIM FROM SLIPPING UP OTHERWISE, EVEN WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE VICTORY AGAINST GRANDBELL
WITH THAT MAN IN COMMAND IT WAS EVIDENT THAT HE WAS GOING TO MAKE IT OBVIOUS TO THE ENEMY THAT I HAD A STRATEGY PREPARED
MORE IMPORTANTLY PAPILION, ARE OUR PREPARATIONS COMPLETE?
WE ARE READY TO LEAVE AT ANYTIME

NOT SURPRISING I DID NOT THINK THAT THE ENEMY WOULD HAVE SO FEW SOLDIERS
THERE ARE [redacted] ANY MERCENARIES...
DID WE PREDICT INCORRECTLY?
LORD SIGURD!! THE BATTLE IS GOING WELL!
THE FRONT LINE UNIT WILL SOON REACH THE CASTLE GATE.
HAVE ALL THE UNITS PULL BACK!
THE MERCENARIES ARE HERE.
NOW, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS REACH THE CASTLE.
THOUGH I DON'T THINK THAT CHAGALL IS CAPABLE OF FIGHTING A FAIR AND HONORABLE BATTLE
ALTHOUGH PERHAPS THEY COULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT OUR PLAN TO BESIEGE THE CASTLE AND PREPARED ACCORDINGLY
ONE TIME IN LENSTER
IT'S JUST I GET THE FEELING I'VE SEEN THIS TACTIC BEFORE.
NOTHING
WHAT'S WRONG, CUAN?

ALL KNIGHTS RETREAT!!

TELL THE FRONT LINE TO FULL BACK!!

THE "RAIN OF DEATH" IS COMING!

FALL BAAAA AACK!!

NO!

FROM THE SKY

A "RAIN" OF LANCES.

. SO IT REALLY IS YOU

REPORT!!
A NUMBER OF SOLDIERS FROM THE FRONT LINE WERE CAUGHT IN THE ATTACK
BUT THANKS TO YOUR SWIFT ORDERS, MOST OF THE UNIT NARROWLY AVOIDED THE ATTACK
I COULDN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER GROUP OF KNIGHTS WHO WOULD PERFORM SUCH A SNEAKY ATTACK FROM ABOVE
SO YOU ARE HERE TO HELP OUT CHAGALL, TRABANT!?
HOW UNFORTU-NATE...
IF ONLY YOU WEREN'T PRESENT, I WOULD CURRENTLY BE SEEING A LARGER SEA OF BLOOD.
LITTLE BRAT OF LENSTER

DREADFUL ISN'T IT!? TO FACE AN AIRBORNE ENEMY!?
NOW!! HURRY UP AND DIE ALREADY!!
SO YOU CAN MAKE WAY FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE IN AGUSTRIA!!
HE DEPLOYS THE DRAGON KNIGHTS FROM HIS COUNTRY AS MERCENARIES FOR HIRE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. BUT TO THINK I WOULD MEET HIM HERE
YEAH. . THE ONE WHO IS AFTER MY COUNTRY. THRACIA'S KING
HE S KING TRABANT !?
HOW DOES IT FEEL, DOGS OF GRAND-BELL!?
.. A BRIGHT . FUTURE?

SIGURD!! LET ME TAKE COMMAND OVER THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DRAGON KNIGHTS!
TAKE YOUR BEST TROOPS AND HEAD INTO THE CASTLE!!
OKAY, CUAN!
OH. AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO FIGHT BACK, CUAN?
GRANDBELL SOLDIERS SHOULD HAVE NO EXPERIENCE COMBATING FLYERS.
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ARCHERS AND YOU EXPECT TO FIGHT ME., ?

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO!!

AHH!!

DON'T PANIC!! STAND YOUR GROUND!

WITHOUT THEIR WINGS THEY ARE NOTHING MORE THAN

SEVER THE WINGS FIRST!! THEN THE CAVALRY WILL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE IN MOBILITY!

THEY ARE NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF!

THEY ARE NOTHING MORE THAN SLOW-WITTED SLABS OF MEAT!!

Cuan

But I'm just an peasant dancer!

YEAH!! WE ARE HERE TOO!

IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS JUST GOT A LITTLE MORE INTERESTING.

OH...? THE GAE BOLG LANCE...

WHY...

CHAGALL!! THE THRONE OF THIS COUNTRY

IS BEING BUILT FROM THE CORPSES OF THOSE WHO LOVED AGUSTRIA FROM THE BOTTOM OF THEIR HEARTS!

THOSE WHO CANNOT SEE THIS,

HAVE NO BRIGHT FUTURE!!

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, LEVIN!

I'M GOING TO CARVE A PATH!! IT'LL DESTROY THE GATE!

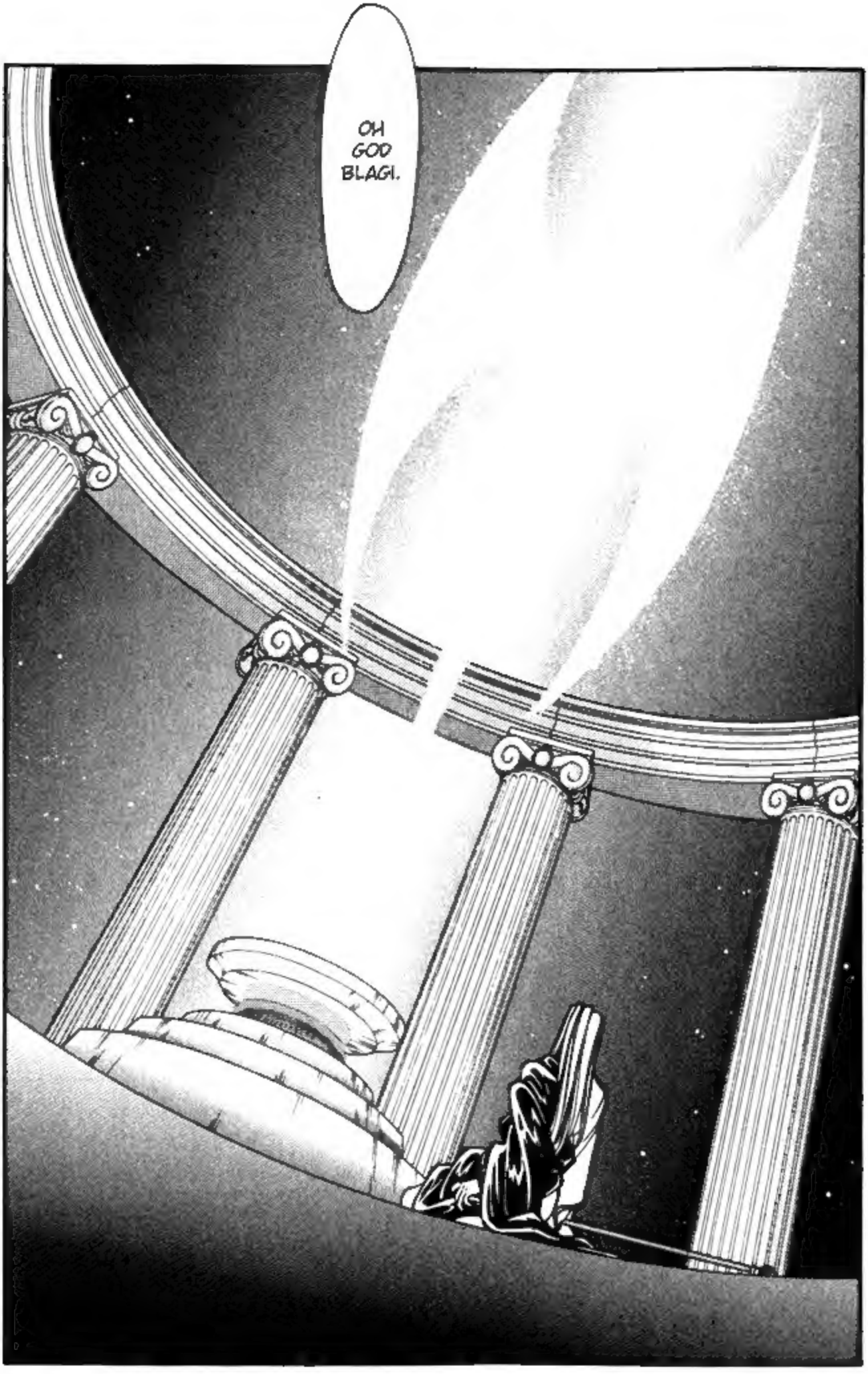
PAPILION, GO AND PROTECT THE KING.

YES!

GEH! THE CASTLE GATE!!

UWAH!

...NONE?
YOU SAY THERE IS NO BRIGHT FUTURE?
WHY...WHY ARE YOU SHOWING ME THIS BLEAK VISION OF THE FUTURE?


OH GOD BLAGI.